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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, U. S. Geological Survey
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Dr. John Reed

SUBJECT: Maps in U.S.G.S. Commodity Report on Alaska

1. This is in reference to conversations between members of the staffs of our respective offices concerning the use of unpublished U.S.G.S. maps on minerals in Alaska in Chapter IX of the National Intelligence Survey of that country. In this chapter there will be a section on economic maps, including those showing minerals. After a thorough search for materials in Washington, it is believed that the maps to be included in your forthcoming publication on mineral resources in Alaska are the most accurate and up-to-date that can be found.

2. It is understood that the publication of your report has been delayed because of certain discrepancies in the presentation of data, which must be reconciled with materials of the Bureau of Mines.

3. This is to request permission to describe and evaluate your mineral maps for Chapter IX of the NIS and to include a prominent statement regarding the possible necessity of making changes on the maps prior to publication for the public. Chapter IX of the NIS will be used exclusively for official purposes and will carry a security classification that will restrict its distribution. Copies of the maps will not be included in the study, but will be referred to as the best map information of its kind. A statement will be made that the maps are available for urgent official purposes at the Geological Survey or in the U.S.G.S. publication when it is released.

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